UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

Docket #15cv7280

GERSKOVICH, : 1:15-cv-07280-RMB-DCF

Plaintiff, :

- against -

IOCCO, et al.,

New York, New York

Defendants. : August 3, 2016

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PROCEEDINGS BEFORE

THE HONORABLE DEBRA C. FREEMAN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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             THE COURT: Hi, it's Judge Freeman, who do I have
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   Mr. Gerskovich?
             MR. WYLIE STECKLOW: Wylie Stecklow, Your Honor,
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    good afternoon.
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             THE COURT: Okay, and who do I have for
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    defendants?
             MR. ANDREW LUCAS: Andrew Lucas and Lamar Winslow,
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    good afternoon, Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: Okay, and do I also have counsel for
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    Ms. Holmes.
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             MR. JEFFREY ROTHMAN: Yes, Your Honor, Jeffrey
    Rothman for Ms. Holmes, good afternoon.
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             THE COURT: Okay, good afternoon. Okay, so I have
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    two motions in front of me in the Gerskovich case. Mr.
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    Rothman, I don't now if you know anything about the second
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    one. One is a motion to quash the subpoena for Ms. Holmes,
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    I quess you could say documents, so it's a video and
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    testimony. The other is a motion to compel compliance with
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    another subpoena that was served on an entity called --
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             MR. ROTHMAN: Yes, Your Honor, I've read because I
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    am now, I had to list Ms. Holmes on the docket as a nonparty
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    so I received by ECF Mr. Lucas' letter motion seeking to
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    compel the Occupy Wall Street Media Group and I read his
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    letter and the attachments to his letter so I'm familiar
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   with that.
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             THE COURT: Okay, are you going to be involved
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    with that one in any way?
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             MR. ROTHMAN: I will not be representing the
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    Occupy Wall Street Media Group as far as I can anticipate. I
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    believe in the very near future another lawyer will be
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    entering an appearance and writing Your Honor with regard to
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    that so that is still a work in progress.
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                         Okay, my concern was whether there was
             THE COURT:
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    actual notice because I saw there was an affidavit that said
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    there was attempted service on the entity in New York and
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    then there was service to the Secretary of State and I
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    wanted to make sure before I did anything on that that I was
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    confident that there was actual notice. And so I'll give it
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    a short while to see if somebody appears and has a response
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    to that. Let me then turn my attention to the subpoena for
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    Ms. Holmes. I understand the arguments that are being made
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    on both sides, and my sense of the best way to handle this,
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    and before I just issue a ruling I wanted to put it out
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    there as a, so the statement of what my inclination was and
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    see if anyone wanted to respond before I'd go ahead and
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    issue this order.
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             My inclination would be to let an extremely short
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    deposition go forward. I'm actually thinking one hour
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2 because it seems to me she's already indicated she doesn't 3 have any video and Mr. Lucas has indicated a desire to probe 4 that, it seems to me he can say this is you in this photo 5 with this video camera, right, you took video, what happened 6 to it, what did you do to search for it, what else did you 7 do to search for it, you know, and I can't see why that 8 can't be accomplished in less than an hour's time. 9 So I also would be inclined to deny the request 10 for sanctions on the ground, requested on the ground of 11 harassment and just say that, look, expecting everybody to 12 be on their best behavior with respect to this short 13 deposition and if there is any indication on the record that 14 there is anything abusive or harassing then you can come 15 back, show me the transcript, I will look at it, I would 16 expect to see, you know, a squeaky clean looking transcript 17 with respect to everybody's demeanor, the nature of the 18 questioning and so on and if I see something that really 19 looks like it's harassing conduct than you can renew an 20 application for sanctions. 21 But at this point there is an old photo that 22 clearly shows, what appears to clearly show Ms. Holmes with 23 a nice looking video camera in her hands on the location, 24 what happened at this location is at issue in the case,

there may be other video but it hasn't, as far as I

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    understand, shown a couple of things definitively. One,
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    whether Mr. Gerskovich was inside; second, there's an issue
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    as I understand it as to whether there were announcements
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   made to disperse from the outside of the building and who
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    knows exactly what she had or where she was and what she
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    might as captured. As I said, it seems relevant and what I'm
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    thinking is something, you know, extremely short and to the
    point so that she's under oath and it's pinned down, out to
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    be the resolution here. So I throw it open for your thoughts
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    before I rule that way.
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             MR. ROTHMAN: Your Honor, I appreciate that, but
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    the timing aspect is not so much the issue, whether it's one
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    hour or three hours, or if it's a problem that it's
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    occurring at all. As I put in the letter, Ms. Holmes is a
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    professional journalist, and she is protected by the
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    qualified journalist privilege. She also has said explicitly
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    she has nothing, Mr. Lucas knew that from her Facebook chats
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    with Mr. Gerskovich. She said, you know, she looked, she
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    doesn't have anything, I reiterated that in my letter. And
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    to permit Mr. Lucas to ask a professional journalist, you
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    know, how she keeps her material, where it is and to probe
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    in that way, would be contrary to exactly what the
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    journalist --
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             THE COURT:
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                           (continuing) -- is supposed to
             MR. ROTHMAN:
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   protect.
             THE COURT: By the way, I forgot to say so, I
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   haven't had you on the phone on this call before so let me
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    just say that we do have digital recording for this
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    conference so we can be on the record, and if anyone wants a
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    transcript it's possible to obtain it as an electronic court
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    recording.
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             With respect to that, you know, the journalistic
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    privileges, number one, is not absolute. Number two, there
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    is nothing at this point requiring her to turn over
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    materials she says she doesn't have and can't find.
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    Certainly if she has it and can find it you can engage in
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    further discussion as to whether, in fact, it should be
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    produced, but right now the inquiry is whether it even
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    exists. I don't know that the journalistic privilege extends
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    to, you know, what happened to your journalistic material.
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    What we have are Facebook or email type communications
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    saying, you know, I don't have it, I looked, I don't have
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    it. That's not very precise, yet you are relying on it.
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             MR. ROTHMAN: I've checked, I'm sorry to
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    interrupt, after that I've checked, I said I'm going to be
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    responding to a subpoena that's been issued in federal court
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    and I want you to check again and she checked. And there is,
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1 2 there are no materials about this. 3 THE COURT: Well did you, yourself, get involved 4 in understanding what the nature of the search was and what 5 she had done or not done in order to check or did you just 6 say go check? 7 MR. ROTHMAN: No, did, I got a specific 8 understanding of what she did, I'll represent briefly that, 9 you know, she had no materials at all from that day, she 10 doesn't have any materials at all relating to that day. 11 THE COURT: Well what makes you think that a 12 journalist, like an investigative type privilege or 13 something, would be at issue by having her testify about, 14 you know, what she looked, how she looked, just to confirm 15 due diligence, since we do know that she was there with a 16 video camera? 17 The video camera, that's the MR. ROTHMAN: 18 Gonzalez case that I cited, the reason why the journalist 19 was required to turn over the materials in that case was 20 because there were specific conversations that were captured 21 on that that went right to the heart of the issue in the 22 case, it wasn't just that the person was there. In order to 23 overcome the qualified journalist privilege, it has to be 24 shown that materials not otherwise available elsewhere are 25 available to the journalist. So Ms. Holmes does not deny

2 she was there, she was there, she was filming as she did all the time throughout Occupy Wall Street and otherwise. But 3 what, if any, of her materials could be found, which they 4 5 cannot, what would be captured on them is available to any 6 number of other sources. It's available through all of the 7 eyewitnesses, through other video that has apparently been 8 exchanged in the case. There is nothing special about any of her video. And I do posit that having a journalist come 9 10 in and --11 THE COURT: But you didn't really answer my 12 question which is what is it about, you know, investigative 13 privilege or journalistic privilege, what is it that is 14 sensitive with respect to the nature of the search that was 15 made for video that at one point apparently existed and 16 that, you know, in the Court's view would be relevant to central issues in a case? Forget for a moment whether there 17 18 is other video that would equally show what's being looked 19 for here or whether there's testimony that in your view 20 could suffice for that, my question is what is sensitive, 21 what is protectable with respect to the inquiry that I'm 22 envisioning which would be, you know, what did you do to 23 look for the video that once existed? 24 MR. ROTHMAN: The way in which she does or does

not keep her files, her journalistic files, is private.

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                        Do you have any authority that that
             THE COURT:
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    would be covered by journalistic privilege?
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             MR. ROTHMAN:
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    submit a reply and --
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             THE COURT: I'll look at that. I will certainly
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    look at that. I mean it may be that the qualified privilege
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    would need to bend anyway. But I'm not familiar what, I'm
    always happy to look, that talks about privilege protecting
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    what someone did to look for journalistic material and how a
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    diligent search was made. This is not a situation where
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    there's a question as to whether video was taken in the
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    first instance, it apparently was, I don't think anyone is
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    denying that. So the only question is what happened to it
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    and the only question here that I'm seeing right now is
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    whether the City has to rely on informal representations of
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    what was done to find it as opposed to pressing that
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    question of what did you do to look for it. It seems to me
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    that's all we're talking about right now. Let me ask Mr.
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    Lucas, is that right, is that all we're talking about, what
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    did you do to look for it?
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             MR. LUCAS: That is certainly the focus of it,
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    Your Honor. In terms of the scope of the deposition, so I
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    certainly don't want to take a long deposition by any means.
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    Given that she was also present and a fact witness, I would
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want some leeway to actually ask her if she did see or here
and what she did leading up to and through that event since
it is relevant. But yes, the focus really would be that
video, and the media that she might have had pass through

THE COURT: If you wanted to ask her did you see Mr. Gerskovich, if so did you see him inside or outside the building, and, you know, if there is some other, you know, main issue in the case like did you hear any announcements outside while you were outside, did you hear announcements outside, I mean I don't have a huge problem with that. But I'm still thinking what you've got to ask her is, you know, I could ask the questions right now in probably three minutes or less. So it may be that her answers require a little bit of follow-up, but there isn't a whole lot here to ask this person, she's not, you know, she's, you've got plenty of witnesses, you already know the tail, you might have a few more questions, I don't really have a huge problem with somebody who was present at an event and might have seen or heard something particularly relevant here. But I'm still thinking this is a relatively short affair if it goes forward, and what was presented to me was, you know, we want the video, we're subpoenaing the video and if we can't find it we want to ask her more about it. I don't think it

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2 was presented, I can go back and look at your letter, I don't think it was presented as in we also want to ask her 3 about whatever she saw, heard, observed, knew about what 4 happened that day as a fact witness.

MR. LUCAS: Well certainly that would have been the focus of our, not the focus, but that would have been part of our deposition that was subpoenaed to take place back on the 22nd, it would have been a relatively minor part because as with, the very basis of the journalist privilege was breached in or the qualified privilege was overcome in Gonzalez is exactly what we're looking for here, and what Mr. Stecklow has been looking for when he's trying to get the exact wording through various requests on us of the (inaudible) which is the objective media. That's certainly our preference if we can obtain it.

THE COURT: All right, let's do this. Let's do I will hold off on making this ruling long enough to enable Mr. Rothman to submit something that explains why they questions of, you know, explain what the diligent search was that you made, just explain, you know, where you looked and how you looked, where did you keep things and, you know what makes you think you might have taped over something, those sorts of basic questions about the nature of the search under oath. I'll let you provide some case law

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    to me on, you know, journalistic privilege and how you think
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    that applies. There's still the question of whether
    journalistic privilege can be overcome. You know, there may
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    be other, but there's already some video and it doesn't
    answer all the questions. So testimony is disputed.
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    may be other video that other people took, but I've been
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    shown a picture of her front and center with a video camera.
    So we do know --
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                           That was never disputed, Your Honor.
             MR. ROTHMAN:
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             THE COURT: Yeah, we do know that she was there
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    and she took video. So, you know, I'm inclined to think
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    journalistic privilege may be overcome but right now it
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    seems to me the only question is what was that search that
    there can be confidence, what seems to me that she is like
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    to do is she is like to do is she is likely to say, you
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    know, I sometimes store things electronically, I sometimes
    store things just like in a computer, sometimes I store
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    things just on a disk, sometimes I don't keep them. I went
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    back, I looked at my computer, I looked at my disk, I looked
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    at the different accounts that I have where I keep things, I
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    didn't find it anywhere. You know, it's not anywhere, I'm
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    sorry, and that's the end of it.
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             MR. ROTHMAN: Can I make a proposal that might
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    save everybody some time?
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             THE COURT:
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             MR. ROTHMAN: As long as it's not construed as
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    being any sort of a waiver, I will have her submit a
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    declaration as to how she searched and provide that to Mr.
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    Lucas and in camera to the Court, you know, I don't want it
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    filed online, on ECF, but that might satisfy everybody.
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             THE COURT:
                        Well, Mr. Lucas, would you take a
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    declaration under penalty of perjury as to what she did to
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    look for the video?
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             MR. LUCAS: Well, I mean, Your Honor, I'm
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    certainly happy to have a look, but at the same time I think
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    a chat conversation over Facebook, and, of course, Mr.
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    Rothman is representing here that he did ask her to do some
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    different search --
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             THE COURT: No, he asked her, he asked her -- what
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    I am hearing is that counsel, as counsel, can represent to
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    the Court that he took his responsibilities to make sure his
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    client had engaged in a diligent search and he's satisfied
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    that obligation as counsel, and he is persuaded the search
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    was diligent, that's what I'm hearing.
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             MR. ROTHMAN: Exactly correct.
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             THE COURT: Okay. Ordinarily that, you know, that
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    could be the end of things, so, you know, my feeling is
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    right now there is at least reason to believe that video did
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    at one point exist and I'm willing to let counsel get a
    little more information about it to be satisfied that it was
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    diligent. At least you have a step beyond, you have a
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    statement by counsel on the record a step beyond what you
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    had before which were Facebook posts or chats, or email, I
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    can't remember exactly what you had. You know, maybe what
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    you do is you provide a declaration on this point to Mr.
    Lucas, you don't even bother providing a copy to the Court,
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    and --
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             MR. ROTHMAN: To or not to provide a copy to the
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    Court, I didn't hear you, Judge, I'm sorry?
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             THE COURT: Maybe you don't even need to provide a
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    copy to the Court if that resolves it as between counsel. I
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    mean, look, there seems to be some ill will between counsel
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    with respect to how this other case that's not in front of
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    me has been litigated. I don't really want to know how
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    another case has been litigated, I care about the case in
    front of me, and I expect, you know, good faith cooperation
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    between counsel to try to work out issues, if possible,
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    without the Court's involvement. Maybe you can work this
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    out without my involvement.
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             MR. ROTHMAN: Okay, as long as it's not considered
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    to be, and Mr. Lucas states that a provision of this
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    declaration is not going to be deemed to be any sort of a
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    waiver of her qualified journalistic privilege, then I will
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             THE COURT: Well you have to talk about that. I'll
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    tell you what, talk offline, see if you can agree to a
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    compromise solution. If you can't agree to a compromise
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    solution, you know, get me a submission by Monday, today is
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    Wednesday.
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             MR. ROTHMAN: Your Honor, I'm leaving for Hawaii
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    on Saturday and I'll be gone for four weeks. I'm happy to
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    work on this from there but if Your Honor would give me a
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    little more time?
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             THE COURT: I was going to say by Friday before
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    you leave.
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             MR. LUCAS: Unless counsel wants a substitute, I
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    can go to Hawaii for you.
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             MR. ROTHMAN: Generous offer.
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             THE COURT: There you go, good will between
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    counsel. Look, four weeks is not really going to work so
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    well --
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             MR. ROTHMAN: No, no, no, I can work on it from
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    there, I just, I'm flying on Saturday, it's a 10 or so hour
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    flight, I won't get in till Sunday, if I could have until
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    the end of next week I can work on it from --
             THE COURT: Okay, if you cannot work out a
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2 compromise on this, you know, maybe it is an agreement by 3 defendant that it won't leave journalistic privilege and 4 maybe plaintiff agrees to provide a declaration under 5 penalty of perjury as to what the search consisted of, and 6 how there is nothing. If there really is nothing, I think 7 the minimal added value of what she may have heard or seen when you have other witnesses, you know, who are, I assume 8 have already been deposed or can be deposed, you've got 9 10 parties -- I'm sorry? 11 MR. LUCAS: Sorry, Your Honor, this is Andrew 12 Lucas, we actually have requested, and we don't actually have contact information for a lot of the other witnesses so 13 14 we don't really have a lot of other witnesses we could 15 depose --16 THE COURT: Well if it were not for this video I 17 don't get the sense that you would have been seeking this 18 (inaudible) as a fact witness. I got the impression that 19 what you were after was the video. Am I wrong that that was 20 the thrust of what you were telling me? I mean this was not 21 as in we want to depose this person as a fact witness and 22 while we're at it we'll ask about what happened to video. I 23 got the impression we wanted this video, we don't trust it, 24 we want to make sure we want to know what happened, we 25 really need video, she was the person there with the camera,

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    look at this, you see, here she is with the camera. And
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    that, I mean the fact is we don't, you know, she says she
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    doesn't have it, we're going to try this other organization,
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   maybe they have it, we want, we want, we want the video.
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    So, you know, that's how it was presented to me, that's what
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    I understood the thrust of this was. It seems to me this
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    idea of we also want her fact testimony is a little bit of a
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   belated thought.
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             MR. LUCAS: Certainly, Your Honor, to paraphrase
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    your own words, this was a witness who we said we really
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    want a vide and while we're at it, she is a fact witness.
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    And I think just as clearly as she was taking video, she is
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    a fact witness.
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             MR. ROTHMAN: Your Honor, I'll note, this is Jeff
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    Rothman speaking for the recording, there was originally
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    another subpoena that had been sent to me that defendants
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    intended on serving that had only a documentary aspect and
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    did not have any testimonial aspect to it at all. It was
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    only after that subpoena apparently was not able to be
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    served that this new subpoena that I'm presently moving to
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    quash was taped to Ms. Holmes' door. But it was so much of
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    an afterthought that the original subpoena didn't even ask
    her to come in for a deposition --
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             THE COURT: Let me say something else. You know,
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2 there is another lawsuit going, Ms. Holmes is a plaintiff, 3 you know, is a plaintiff in another lawsuit. There is 4 discovery going on there. It seems to me that there is 5 potentially a harassing element to this and I'd like to 6 avoid any suggestion of that. I'm focusing on the video. You 7 know, if she is deposed ultimately with respect to the 8 video, I'll allow a little bit further questioning about 9 what she observed, what she saw, what she heard, again, I 10 would expect it to be very short. 11 If there really is, you know, competent evidence, 12 a declaration under penalty of perjury, it would seem 13 satisfactory to put to bed the question of whether there is 14 video, and it really appears that there is not and there is 15 not really that kind of basis for the deposition, I would be 16 inclined not to have her deposed at all on other topics that 17 didn't seem to be a major thrust, it didn't seem to me why 18 defendant was seeking it in the first place. I think it's a 19 little bit after the fact as a further rationale for why, 20 you know, more time is needed or more questioning would be 21 needed than what I was picturing. 22 Let's see if we can get to the bottom of the 23 question about, you know, how she searched for the video. 24 Maybe a declaration would work, but if a declaration does

not work either because there is an unwillingness to waive

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    that privilege and she doesn't want to take the risk, or,
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    I'm sorry, unwillingness to consider that there is no waiver
    of privilege and Ms. Holmes doesn't want to take that
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    chance, or because you're otherwise not willing to agree to
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    that approach, then I'll look for a letter from Mr. Rothman
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    by the end of next week explaining why you believe that the
    type of questioning that I am envisioning as being the
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    primary purpose of this deposition, specifically, you know,
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    what did you do to look for a particular piece of
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    journalistic evidence, what did you do with it, you know,
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    what sort of effort did you make to find it, why that,
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    itself, would be covered by privilege and, you know, a
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    privilege significant enough that it should not be
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    considered overcome in this case. All right?
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             MR. ROTHMAN: Understood, Your Honor, thank you.
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             THE COURT: Got all that?
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             MR. ROTHMAN:
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             MR. LUCAS: Your Honor, this is Andrew Lucas.
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             THE COURT:
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                        I briefly wanted to note, and I think
             MR. LUCAS:
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    it was clear enough from our papers, we don't recognize the
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    assertion of privilege as proper. So to the extent we do
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    grant any waiver of privilege --
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             THE COURT: Well if you --
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             MR. LUCAS: On the other hand, we, of course,
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    don't want that to be taken as a recognition that there is a
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    properly --
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             THE COURT:
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    try to stipulate, I can't force anybody to stipulate. But
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    you can try to stipulate that the fact that she's providing
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    this affidavit and that you're agreeing to accept it and
   move at a deposition would neither constitute a waiver of
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    privilege by her nor a recognition of privilege or
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    applicability of privilege by defendant. It's sort of like
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    no admission or liability, no this, no that, it's just done
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    for the sake of resolving a dispute. You can see if you can
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    do that.
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             MR. LUCAS:
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    raise if I could?
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             THE COURT: Go ahead.
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                         Which was just I'm having, I'm really
             MR. LUCAS:
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    struggling with something you noted a minute ago where you
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    said you think that there could be an element of harassment
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    when, in fact, we have the photographic, I mean undisputed
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    and indisputable proof that this person was there, present
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    and recording and it's particularly surprising, given the
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    very wide latitude that's been given to plaintiff in taking
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    discovery at several times in this case. We have an
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evidence and I just had to hear that --

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2 eyewitness who has boots on the ground taking undisputed

THE COURT: Well here's my concern, here's my concern, my concern, number one, is that this plaintiff, I'm sorry, this nonparty to this case has her own lawsuit going where apparently there's been some run-ins between counsel at least, to which I have not been privy and I'm hoping it's not much, but nonetheless, there is a separate lawsuit going, it's apparently being vigorously litigated.

Number two, the presentation I had was, you know, about the video and there seems to be a bit of a shift in attention about how she was a witness, and you tried to get other witnesses, and you needed a witness and that was not in what was presented to me. So it seemed like maybe it was a shift to try to do this even if the other issues are resolved.

Number three, there were statements by her that seemed to indicate pretty clearly that she couldn't find the evidence and it seemed to me the next thing that should have happened once counsel surfaced, and, of course, you already knew who counsel was in the other case, is to have a conversation and say, look, there's a subpoena, can you represent to us that, as counsel, that you're satisfied with the diligence of the search and that you really are

1 2 confident it doesn't exist, you know, instead of pressing 3 forward with this. Nonetheless, it's in front of me, it is 4 what it is, I recognize potential relevance of the evidence, 5 I recognize that she was there and that she apparently 6 conceded she took video at the time, and I'm willing to 7 consider the possibility that journalistic privilege, to the 8 extent it exists, may be overcome in these circumstances and 9 that maybe it should be produced if it does exist. And that 10 maybe defendants should be able to probe a little bit to 11 have confidence as to what happened to it. But there are 12 several indications here that, you know, this is a, sort of 13 an aggressive effort by defendant's counsel to push on 14 something where there may not be anything to push on and 15 you've got a person you're pushing on who happens to be a 16 plaintiff in another case. That doesn't necessarily mean 17 it's harassment, it may just be that she happened to be a 18 witness there who happened to take video. And I don't want 19 to suggest it's more than that, but I'm a little bit 20 concerned that it not turn into something more than what was 21 presented and that it, you know, it be sort of kept under 22 control. 23 So, you know, I don't mean to cast discursions, I 24 just do think that, you know, let's be a little bit 25 conscious of the fact that she is a plaintiff in her own

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case, the things she says in this case could potentially be used in another case, that there's a little bit of wariness by that, that we have common counsel. So let's be sensitive to it as we're trying to make a balanced, reasonable determination as to how much she should become a witness in this case.

MR. LUCAS: It sounds like that makes sense, of course we tried to make it a very focused and very limited subpoena, her testimony would have been the same way, and, of course, if we actually were seeking her deposition for this evidence to be used in another case, that would be improper.

THE COURT: Okay. Let's just leave it without discursions cast on anybody and let's see if counsel can work together cooperatively to resolve this without need to pursue the subpoena further. Let me know by the end of next week if defense counsel wants to reply to anything that is submitted by Ms. Holmes' counsel, I'll allow that, make sure you do it in a day or two at the most because I'd like to get this resolved. And with respect to the other subpoena, you know, I'll wait until next week anyway and see if I get something, but if you have, Mr. Rothman, if you have contact, the ability to be in contact directly or indirectly with the other lawyer who supposedly is going to appear,

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   make sure the message gets passed along that I'm not going
   to wait forever.
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              MR. ROTHMAN: Very good. Would you like me to
    communicate a firm deadline?
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              THE COURT: How about by, well if someone is going
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    to get me something, how about by middle of next week?
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              MR. ROTHMAN: Okay.
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              THE COURT: Okay, a week from today?
              MR. ROTHMAN: Okay, the 10<sup>th</sup>, that's fine.
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              THE COURT: Okay?
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              MR. ROTHMAN: Thank you so much.
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              THE COURT: Thank you all.
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              MR. ROTHMAN: Have a good evening.
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              MR. LUCAS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: All right, you're welcome, take care,
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    everybody. Bye.
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                   (Whereupon the matter is adjourned.)
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